

## Kevin Tsang Retires—His Way

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Kevin Tsang, LCSW, MBA, retired on July 21, 2016, after 37 years of county service with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). Kevin's going away reception was well attended by past and present peers and staff.

Accolades and remembrances were well received from Acting Director Robin Kay, who wrote a special good-bye poem for Kevin; OASOC Deputy Director Carlotta Childs-

Seagle, who spoke fondly of Kevin's accomplishments; former OASOC Deputy Director Yvette Townsend; Mental Health Program Manager III Martin Jones; and GENESIS/FACTS Manager I Theion Perkins, who told a story of how good natured Kevin is and how bad he was at being mean.

Other staff actually sang for him and with him (My Way by Frank Sinatra) as part of a fun good-bye. The retirement reception was a lively event with food, gifts and a fond farewell.

Kevin's tenure with LACDMH started in 1979 during his MSW graduate studies at UCLA as a



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stipend student, and completing his second year internship as a student professional worker at a county operated senior center.

Upon graduation in 1981, Kevin began working as a DMH Psychiatric Social Worker at a 24-hour sub-acute facility. He later advanced to the various administrative functions and positions of the Department, appointed as Mental Health Program Head in 1991, and became a Mental Health Clinical District Chief in 1996.



In his administrative capacity, Kevin had functioned as the regional planner at the San Fernando Valley Mental Health Region (now Service Area 2), administrative assistant at Asian Pacific Counseling and Treatment Center, Program Manager at Long Beach Asian Pacific Mental Health Program, Program Head at Skid Row (now Downtown) Mental Health Center, and District Chief at Long Beach Mental Health Center. In 2000, he transferred to serve as the countywide contract & residential provider liaison; and DMH contract ombudsman during the implementation phases of Community Program Administration (CPA) and Comprehensive Community Care (CCC).





In 2002, Kevin was assigned to the Department's Older Adult Systems of Care Bureau (OASOC), with the oversight of countywide GENESIS and FACTS programs, and also serving as the lead in senior housing, liaison with Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS), and working with the older adult stakeholders and advocacy group, i.e. Older Adult Systems of Care Committee and its sub-committees.

At the statewide level, he previously served as the Department's liaison with the former California Mental Health Directors Association – Older Adult System of Care Committee (CMHDA-OASOC), the California Social Work Education Center - Aging Initiative Committee (CaLSWEC – AI), and the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A).

Kevin holds a MSW (UCLA) and a MBA (CSULA), and has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 1983. He is a lifetime member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the Honor Society for the Collegiate of Accredited Schools of Business.



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